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## **Press Release Announcement – September 22, 2006 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 7 Percent from Last Year**

On September 1, 2006, Arizona had 336,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 7 percent from a year ago but down 3,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 30,000 head during August, 5,000 head less than a year ago. During August, 31,000 head were marketed, down 3,000 head from last year.

On September 1, 2006, California had 520,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 2 percent from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 66,000 head during August, up 4,000 head from last year. During August, 59,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on September 1, 2006. The inventory was 10 percent above September 1, 2005 and 10 percent above September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.30 million, 15 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.24 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 435,000, 700-799 pounds were 535,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 8 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 59,000 during August, 11 percent above 2005 and 5 percent above 2004.

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